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## HAIL TO VIRGINIA'S MAMMOTH SHIP OF WAR, THE SPLENDID NAMESAKE OF A GREAT STATE

### SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

#### The Weather.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Virginia—Partly cloudy, Wednesday; warmer in extreme southern portion; showers at night or Thursday; fresh east to southeast wind.

North Carolina—Partly cloudy Wednesday; showers in west portion; warmer on day; showers in west portion; warmer on day in east portion; light southerly winds becoming variable.

The weather in Richmond yesterday was ideal for the early spring. The sun shone brightly, but not with such warmth as to be oppressive.

#### STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	59
12 M.	69
3 P. M.	77
6 P. M.	65
9 P. M.	55
12 midnight	52
Average	58.1-6

Highest temperature yesterday..... 83  
Lowest temperature yesterday..... 43  
Mean temperature yesterday..... 69  
Normal temperature for April..... 67  
Departure from normal temperature..... -4  
Precipitation during past 24 hours..... .00

#### MINIATURE ALMANAC.

April 5, 1904.  
Sun rises..... 5:50 HIGH TIDE..... 9:15  
Sun sets..... 6:50 Morning..... 9:50  
Moon rises..... 11:11 Evening..... 9:50

#### Richmond.

Mr. A. L. Calhoun, of Fairmount, killed at Newport News by falling into a dry dock—Chesapeake and Ohio people handle the great launching crowds meet—Admiral Dr. Clark discusses subject of labor and monopolies in his second lecture at Richmond College—White infant who had been strangled to death found in Henrico with rope around its neck—A countryman who became disgusted with the land-grabbing business of the Chesapeake and Ohio people, took charge of affairs at St. Philip's Church until harmony can be restored—The Bishop and a white committee to take charge of affairs at St. Philip's Church until harmony can be restored—Colored pastor fear that the enforcement of the law for assignment of seats in street cars will cause trouble, and they will wait on Manager Huff in connection with the matter—Fifty-four men fell at the Methodist Mission here they became wanderers—Brooklyn defeats Montreal in an interesting game of ball—Woman's Foreign Mission Union of East Hanover Presbytery holding an interesting meeting—Dope cases again continued in Police Court—Several prominent wedding in Richmond last night—MANCHESTER—Corporation Court will reopen the liquor cases to-day—Sentiment against big game in Henrico—German club entertainers—Mr. M. C. Gordon badly hurt at Eureka furniture factory.

Intense feeling in Portsmouth over the removal of the president's and other executive offices of the Seaboard road to Norfolk: It will carry one hundred clerks and their families across the river, and these bodies to take action—John Johnson, aged fifteen, killed in Norfolk county by discharge of supposed blank cartridge in hands of boy friend—Postoffice at Gordonsville robbed—Old lady in Pittsylvania county commits suicide by drinking kerosene—Two men at Highland use same pistol on each other with fatal effects—The Baltimore Conference at Alexandria secures sufficient subscriptions to start a new church to be known as the Southern Methodist, and adjourns after the appointments are announced—Judge George K. Anderson refuses to try negro under military protection, and 20 Clinton Forge citizens sign paper vouching for his safety—Mr. Collins was killed in Petersburg—Pythons to present play of Damon and Pythias at Academy of Music in Petersburg—Barn burned in Pittsylvania while the tenants on the farm slept—Smallpox in Scott county creates much excitement.

#### North Carolina.

Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt accepts call to Charlotte and Rev. Dr. Laidlaw to Lexington—Winston-Salem—State Board of Internal Improvement issues open letter calling on all persons who know of any part of Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad needing investigation to address them a letter, they go to fold—Freezing weather at Wilmington and all early planting of truck killed—Judge Deedes says he will substitute proceedings against members of the Lumbermen and Robeson bar for declining to sign a calendar of wrongs—Averett sets May 19th for Alfred Daniel to hang.

#### General.

Reports show that Japanese troops now in Korea are, in part at least, in very bad condition; the soldiers have frozen feet and the horses are nearly all dead—that they can hardly walk—American and English newspaper men at New York escape being thrown into Russian prison, only the persistence of the United States consul saving them, and the English consul proving himself very inefficient—Reports from the Russian camp say the general are not much in for pomp, but are hard at work in cheerless houses—Six suicides reported in New York in one day, idleness and debt being the predominant causes—Governor Tennent decides not to announce himself a candidate for the Supreme Court bench of Pennsylvania—Five persons, including the wife of the president of Futherford College, are drowned while out on a pleasure trip at Tampa—The Virginia suitcases and before the Supreme Court, and Virginia's counsel are confident the State will win; the opinion is expressed that the decision will be on the jurisdiction of the court rather than the merits of the Constitution—Virginia congressmen who did not leave Washington for the launching now sorry, because no business in which the State is especially interested came up.

#### MRS. DAN J. SULLY SHUNS

#### NOTORIETY AT ANY COST

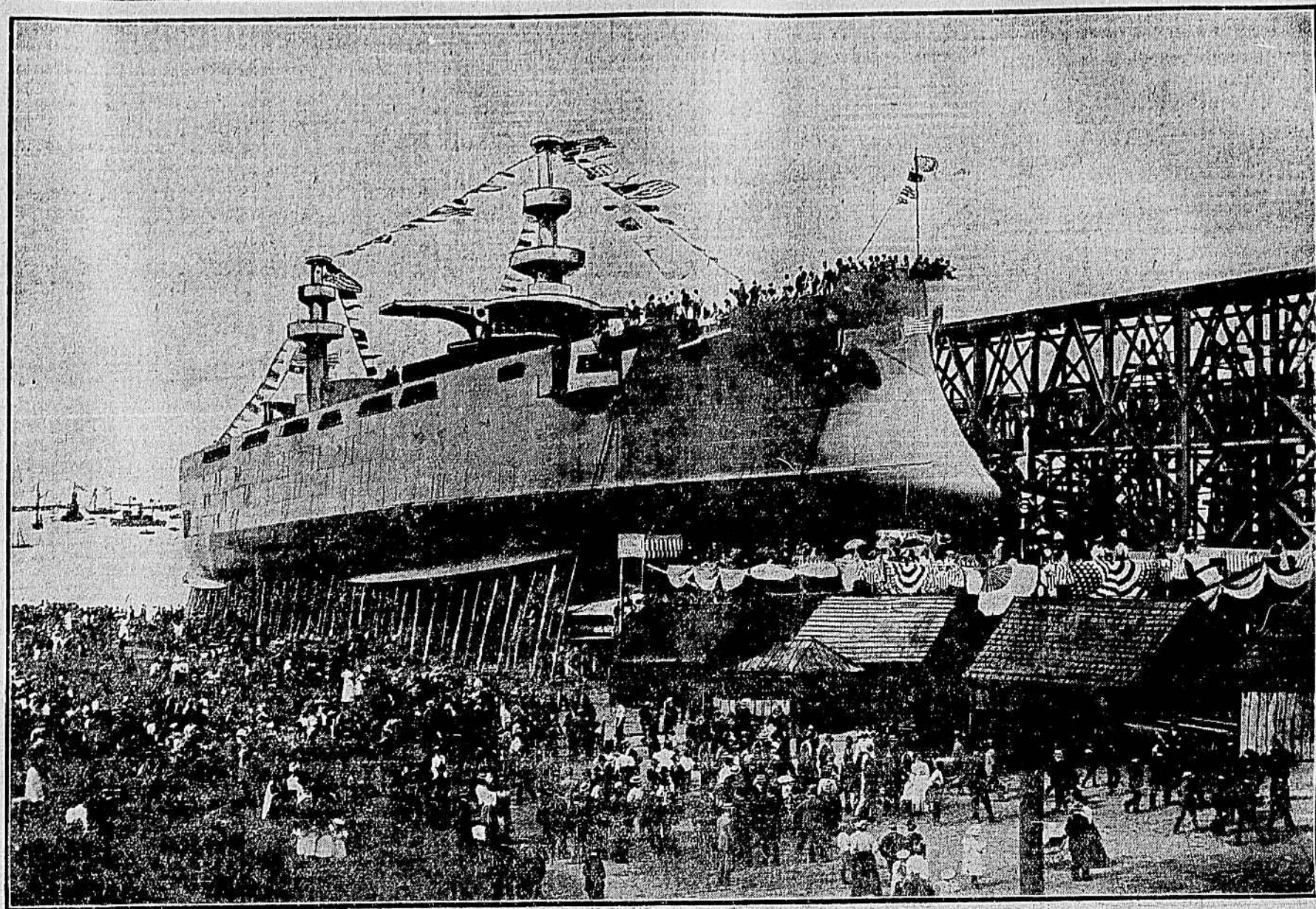
NEW YORK, April 5.—Believing her appearance upon the witness stand in the bankruptcy examination before a court commission would subject her to unpleasant notoriety, Mrs. Daniel J. Sully decided to-day to assign to the receiver her claim to the \$150,000 of surplus money accruing to the F. W. Reynolds Company from the sale of Sully's hypochondriac cotton.

### 16 WANT HELP TO-DAY

The 16 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8, are as follows:

5 Salesmen  
1 Clerk  
2 Agents  
8 Miscellaneous

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.



SCENE AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE BATTLESHIP VIRGINIA.

Photograph by O. F. Door, of Newport News.

## BRILLIANT SCENES AT THE CHAMBERLIN

A Splendid Banquet Follows  
Launching, With Nearly a  
Thousand Guests Present.

### MONTAGUE STIRS THEM UP

Governor Responds to "Virginia"  
With Fine Effect—Naval Officers  
and Pres. Stevens Speak.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent.)

OLD POINT, VA., April 5.—Brilliant and successful are not extravagant terms to apply to the splendid banquet given at the Chamberlin Hotel here this afternoon, by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, to their guests, following the launching of the battleship "Virginia" at Newport News a few hours earlier.

Nearly 1,000 fair women and chivalric men were gathered within the walls of the popular hostelry, to celebrate the first dip of the magnificent vessel into historic waters, and the scene was one of the most inspiring witnessed here in many years.

The guests were brought over on the steamer Newport News, the trip across the Roads having been a most delightful one, owing to the gentle ocean breezes and the balmy sunshine of the returning spring.

It was past 2 o'clock when they were seated at the long tables in the spacious and beautifully decorated hall, and it was well nigh 7 when they arose to leave it with reluctance.

The decorations were rich, handsome and on the long tables at which the speakers sat, were great banks of fragrant flowers, while from a gallery in the other end of the hall fell strains of sweetest music rendered by the Norfolk navy-yard orchestra.

Virginia and United States flags flew from hundreds of points throughout the hall, while rich folds of gay bunting fell here and there gracefully from the ceiling.

One of the most striking places of decorations, however, was directly in front of the speaker's stand, in plain view of all, and it consisted of a large court of arms of the State, brilliantly lighted in the colors of the United States flag.

#### Details Well Arranged.

The arrangements in the dining hall were superb, and not the slightest hitch occurred to mar the exactness with which the most minute details of the programme were executed.

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## A REMARKABLE SHOOTING AFFRAY

Two Men Fire the Same Pistol  
With Fatal Effect.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., April 6.—A fatal shooting affray occurred at Rolfe, in McDowell county, last night between John McFarland, policeman at North Fork, and Joseph Ballard, a merchant of Keystone. Ballard was a candidate for justice of the peace for North Fork, and the convention was held at Rolfe. There was so much interest in the contest that Ballard had secured a special train and taken his friends to the convention. McFarland was against Ballard, and this brought the men into a quarrel.

McFarland drew his pistol and fired on Ballard. They were within arms length of each other, and as soon as McFarland fired, Ballard wrenched the pistol from the policeman's hands and turning it on his own, fired three times, each shot taking effect. Both men were mortally wounded, and Ballard died last night. McFarland is expected to die any time.

## STATE'S EVERY DOLLAR TO GIVE NEGRO FAIR TRIAL

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSON, MISS., April 5.—"I will spend every dollar at my command, but what I will give that negro a fair trial," this from Governor Vardaman this afternoon in regard to the negro Baldwin, who was carried to Sumner, Tallahatchie county, under military escort to prevent lynching to-day.

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## FELL INTO DRY DOCK

Mr. Adam N. Calhoun, of Richmond, Died as Result of Injuries at Newport News.

### WAITING TO SEE LAUNCHING

Is Supposed to Have Been Taken  
With a Fit of Apoplexy—Another Accident.

After witnessing the launching of the Virginia at Newport News yesterday, Mr. Adam N. Calhoun, an aged and esteemed resident of Richmond, fell into the new dry dock and sustained injuries from which he died a few hours later.

Details of the tragedy are meagre, and it is not definitely stated what caused the fall. It is supposed, however, that Mr. Calhoun was taken with a fit of apoplexy while standing at the edge of the dock. He rolled to the bottom, and was in a condition almost lifeless when he was picked up. Every attention was given, and he was taken to the hospital, but his injuries were very grave. He died at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a little over five hours after he fell.

#### Much Afflicted Family.

The news of the accident, which was one of two recorded in connection with the great gathering, caused the greatest sorrow among the friends and relatives of the Richmond man. In response to a telegram, his daughter, Mrs. Mary Miller, No. 132 Twenty-third Street, left at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Newport News, from which place the re-

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## JAPANESE TROOPS IN PITIABLE CONDITION

## MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF HAMPTON LADY

Found in Doctor's Office Suite  
in New York—Autopsy  
to be Held.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, April 5.—Mrs. Cora Boynton, the wife of W. H. Boynton, a wealthy merchant of Hampton, Va., and said to be a member of a fine old Tennessee family, was found dead to-day in a bed-room in the office suite of Dr. Charles W. Fitch, on the ground floor of the apartment house at No. 201 West One Hundred and Seventeenth Street.

Coroner Scholer has issued a certificate giving the cause of death as gas asphyxiation, but says that he is not satisfied that it was an accident, and will hold an autopsy.

Because he has arranged to be married to-morrow night and desired to avoid publicity, Dr. Fitch made some conflicting statements about the case.

"Mrs. Boynton," he said, "suffered from alcoholism and neurasthenia. I had treated her before on two occasions, and two months ago she came to me again. While she lived in my office, so that I could keep her under observation, she was not under restraint and was allowed to come and go as she wished. Occasionally she was out rather late at night."

#### Russians Desert a Town.

TOKIO, April 5.—Reports have been received here from Ping Yang to the effect that Japanese scouts entered Wiju on Sunday last. They found the town deserted by the Russians. The Korean residents of the town informed the scouts that the Russian forces on the upper reaches of the Yalu River consist of small detached parties.

Feet of Soldiers Are Frozen.  
Horses Are Poor and  
Weak.

### BOTH HAD NARROW ESCAPES

American and English Newspaper Men Barely Missed Horrible Russian Prison.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, April 5.—A correspondent of the Associated Press at Port Arthur, who returned to the fortress yesterday from an inspection trip through Southern Manchuria (telegrams that that country is strikingly full of an unusual active life, that the troops are vigorous and healthy and animated by a desire for active operations, and that the entire native population, including that of commercial world is friendly to Russia and full of faith in the Russian arms.

The correspondent says: "The Chinese volunteer militia formed there present a good appearance in a special uniform with epaulettes bearing the Russian national flag. The natives provide provisions freely and are selling horses brought from the surrounding country. The mandarins are an exception to the general rule and are trying to carry water on both shoulders. As their conduct is passive, it does the Russians no harm."

"The railroad holds out splendidly and works regularly, all the attaches of the road being imbued with the high importance of their task. Sentries are posted at the boundary and are doing duty in the neutral zone, dividing China and Manchuria. The weather is warm and the rivers are open. In Port Arthur all is quiet and the inhabitants are accustomed to the scenes of war, though some of them are impatient that the enemy has for so long a time been invisible."

"Russia has completed arrangements through the French Minister at Tokio to appeal the cases of the Russian merchant men before the Japanese prize courts. Three Japanese lawyers have been engaged to present the cases. Appeals will be made on various grounds. Most of the ships were taken before the actual declaration of war, several of them were captured on the high seas, having left port before the outbreak of hostilities and others were detained in Japanese ports, notwithstanding Japan's declaration allowing Russian ships in port a certain period of exemption."

Major-General Plug telegraphs from Mukden, under yesterday's date, denying the reports of Japanese operations in

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Proud Day in History of  
the Commonwealth.

## VIRGINIA'S BEST TO SEE CHRISTENING

The Largest Crowd That Ever  
Assembled at a Launching.

## BRILLIANT GATHERING OF CITIZENS AND SOLDIERS

The Governor's Daughter Performs the Chief Function With Grace and Precision.

## GRAND LUNCHEON AT THE CHAMBERLIN HOTEL

A Thousand People, Including Distinguished Men of State and Nation, and Many Beautiful Women, in the Great Banquet Hall, Where Speeches in Happy Vein Are Made by Famous Men.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 5.—Beneath ideal April skies and the brightest of spring sunshine, and in the presence of a throng variously estimated at from thirty-five to fifty thousand persons, ninety-five per cent. of whom were Virginians, the gigantic battleship Virginia glided gracefully from her cradle in the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company into the welcoming waters of the James at six minutes after 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The greatest launching in the history of this greatest of the world's shipbuilding plants, an event perfect in every detail, was an accomplished fact sixty seconds after little Miss Madeline Gay Montague, oldest daughter of Governor Andrew Jackson Montague, had sent the bottle of Virginia wine crashing against the steel bow of the leviathan. The auspicious event in the history of the United States navy and of the State of Virginia was hailed with noisy acclaim, in which were mingled the cheers of enthusiastic thousands and the strident shrieks of many steam whistles.

### Banquet After the Launching.

Following the launching of the future pride of the navy, fully one thousand persons, embracing many of the most distinguished men and beautiful women in the State, with a liberal sprinkling of official and cosmopolitan Washington, boarded the splendid steamer Newport News as the guests of the shipbuilding and dry dock company, and were conveyed to Old Point, where, in the spacious and beautifully decorated banquet hall of the Chamberlin, they were entertained at an elegant luncheon. The banquet was followed by toasts, to which Governor Montague, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Mr. E. B. Eaton, Robert C. Blackford, Governor, Superintendent Walter A. Post, Rear Admiral Harrington and Mr. George W. Stevens, president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, made eloquent and enthusiastically received responses. The response of Governor Montague, was a particularly eloquent and felicitous one, and aroused unbounded enthusiasm.

Thus ended a day which will be memorable in the history of the Commonwealth, a new chapter in that history, enacted within a few rods of the spot where the prototype of the battleship launched yesterday forty years ago sprang into existence, and destruction in the vessels of the old navy, and revolution in the vessels of the new navy, were the result of naval warfare. It was eminently fitting that the greatest of the world's ironclads should first kiss the waves almost at the very spot where the Confederacy's ram "Virginia" destroyed the frigate "Merrimack" at Cumberland, and later fought her famous indecisive engagement with Edsall's Ironclad, the Monitor. Appropriate, too, was it that the vessel should be built by Virginia labor and skill in a shipyard which has continuously to the world's navies and to the merchant marine of this country. All Virginia testified her pride in the honor of having this great fifteen thousand ton battleship, the greatest vessel ever built for a State that has contributed so gloriously to a nation's greatness and the world's glory. Pride in a great country, no less than in the prestige of a grand Commonwealth, echoed in every cheer and thrilled every heart in that gigantic throng.

### GREATEST LAUNCHING.

Perfect Weather, Immense Crowd and Unbounded Enthusiasm.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent.)  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 5.—This city, the scene of so many launches of battleships, and even larger merchant steamers, was early astir for what every one realized would far eclipse everything in the history of the great shipbuilding plant.

It was freely predicted and universally expected that the throng that would witness the first plunge of the battleship Virginia into her native element would excel that which witnessed the great twin launching of the Kearsarge and Kentucky nearly seven years ago. That expectation was magnificently fulfilled. The people of this city, alert, and, in thing, were fully equal to the emergency of entertaining a crowd that more than doubled its entire population. The vessel to be launched had for many months

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## WHO WILL BE MAYOR?

See the Times-Dispatch Guessing Contest  
on Page 10 of This Paper.

FREE TRIPS TO ST LOUIS.